

LESSON

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PRACTICE WORKSHEET A

COPYMASTER

Setting and Its Roles

Directions: Read the **Teaching Model**, an excerpt from “Older Run” by Gary Paulsen. Then read each item below. Circle the letter of the best answer.

1. The action of the story takes place
 - a. on a midwinter night in snowy wilderness.
 - b. at noon in the suburbs.
 - c. at an unknown time in the mountains.
 - d. on a midwinter night in the mountains.
2. For the narrator, this setting is
 - a. beautiful but scary.
 - b. mysterious and frightening.
 - c. boring and repetitive.
 - d. tranquil and beautiful.
3. What happens to Paulsen when the dogs stop?
 - a. He is thrown from the bridge.
 - b. He shouts at them to keep going.
 - c. He jumps into the water.
 - d. He crawls back across the bridge.
4. Which sentence best describes the story’s **conflict**?
 - a. Paulsen gets into a fight with a man stealing the plywood from the trestle.
 - b. The night is so dark that Paulsen worries about losing the trail.
 - c. Paulsen and his dogs disagree about which trail to take.
 - d. The broken trestle causes Paulsen to have an accident, instead of a smooth sled ride.
5. Which sentence best describes how the **setting** affects the **conflict**?
 - a. It has little effect on the plot.
 - b. The broken trestle over the river is the cause of Paulsen’s accident.
 - c. The night is so cold that the dogs collapse, causing the accident.
 - d. The beautiful landscape helps Paulsen forget his problems.